

# 2nd World OER Congress

September  
18-20,  
2017

Ljubljana,  
Slovenia

Photo: Gilad Rom  
CC BY-NC 2.0

***Gašper Hrastelj, Deputy Secretary  
General  
Slovenian National Commission for  
UNESCO  
Slovenian Focal Point for the  
organization of the 2nd World OER  
Congress***

**2nd World OER  
Congress  
What's it about?**

2nd  
World OER  
congress

## Organizers



## In partnership with



## With Generous Support



[www.oercongress.org](http://www.oercongress.org)

# 2<sup>nd</sup> World OER Congress - Basic info

- **Funders:**
  - Hewlett Foundation (\$400K)
  - Government of Slovenia (\$200K)
- **Main organizers:**
  - Government of Slovenia, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport
  - UNESCO
- **In partnership with:**
  - Slovenian National Commission for UNESCO
  - Commonwealth of Learning
  - Creative Commons
  - UNESCO Chair on Open Technologies for OER and Open Learning
- **Satellite Events organizers:**
  - Knowledge 4 All Foundation
  - OpeningupSlovenia

- **Date:**
  - 18 – 20 September, 2017
- **Location:**
  - Ljubljana, Slovenia



# Where is Slovenia?



# Short history

- **2014 – Establishment of UNESCO OER Chair on Open Technologies for Open Educational Resources and Open Learning**
- **2015 – Conference „Open Education Global“, Banff, Canada**
- **3 / 2016 – Road Map Meeting, Paris, France: International Experts, Representatives of UNESCO Regional Groups**
- **4 / 2016 – UNESCO EXB. Resolution on next steps regarding international collaboration on OER: to conduct a feasibility study to consider proposals for next steps regarding international collaboration on OER.**
- **9 / 2016 – first announcement by UNESCO**
- **9 / 2016 – COL = call for surveys to its member states, launch of regional consultations website**
- **11 / 2016 – UNESCO = Invitation to all member states to take part in surveys (governments + community); deadline: 30 November 2017**

# Next steps

- **1 / 2017 – Completion of the Study**
- **4 / 2017 – Official invitation by UNESCO + SlovGov**
- **4 / 2017 – UNESCO EXB: Submission of the Study**
- **5 – 7 / 2017 – Distribution of the Study to member states**
- **9 / 2017 – 2nd World OER Congress**
- **11 / 2017 – first discussions on proposals and decision for UNESCO GC (2019)**
- **12 / 2017 – international follow up conference on expert level (Canada)**
- **10 / 2018 – UNESCO cat. II meeting: special committee with technical & legal experts from all member states for the draft of resolution**
- **4 / 2019 – submission of recommendation to UNESCO EXB**
- **11 / 2019 – UNESCO General Conference: adoption**

# Congress details

## Main Theme:

- **The proposed theme is “OER for Inclusive and Equitable Quality Education: From Commitment to Action”**

## Main Structure:

- **UNESCO and COL to send OER two Questionnaires: one for Governments, and one for stakeholders**
- **COL to plan and organize 6 Regional consultations**
- **COL to create Synthesis Report to other partners**  
**Results will feed into the 2<sup>nd</sup> World OER Congress**
- **UNESCO Chair in OER, K4A to plan and organize 6+ Satellite events**



# Congress details (II)

Obstacles to achieving the mainstreaming of OER

- **Commercial interests**
- **Language and cultural barriers**
- **Ensuring inclusive and equitable access to quality content**
- **Capacity of users to access, re-use, and share OER -**
- **Development of appropriate policy solutions**
- **Need for clarity on the term 'open'**

Result:

- **Congress and Regional consultations must result in a commitment to adopt OER policy and to identify concrete actions that would be implemented within a specific time framework**

# Objectives

- **Review the progress of OER since the World OER Congress 2012**
- **Examine solutions to meeting the challenges of mainstreaming OER practices into education systems worldwide**
- **Showcase the world ´s best practices in OER policies and initiatives as well OER experts**
- **Provide recommendations and identify strategies for the mainstreaming of OER, with links to best practices**
- **Adoption of Action Plan for OER**

# Programme

## DAY 1 – 17 September 2017

- **Registration, Opening Reception and Dinner**

## DAY 2 – 18 September 2017

- **Launch, Welcome Addresses, Key Addresses**
- **Keynote**
- **Setting the context**
- **Presentation of the results of the 6 regional consultations**
- **Presentation of the results of OER studies**
- **Presentation of “A Global OER Story”**
- **Networking event**

# Programme

## DAY 3 – 19 September 2017

- **Keynote**
- **Group work on Mainstreaming OER practices: Challenges and Solutions**
- **Plenary session on Technology and OER**
- **OER Bar Camp**
- **Networking event**

## DAY 4 – 20 September 2017

- **Keynote**
- **OER Market Place: Presentation of best practices**
- **Closing Plenary:**
  - **Report**
  - **Adoption of the Ljubljana Action Plan**
  - **Call for Action**
  - **Roadmap with recommendations on the future international collaboration in the field of OER**

# Structure

Formal Reception

OER Research Conference  
(K4A, EU and UNESCO OER Chairs)

MyMachine  
Global  
(MMG,  
OUS)

OER Congress  
(UNESCO and SI Government)

iCore  
(iCore)

OER Business  
Conference  
(Slovenian Post and UPU)

Open  
Access  
(MJU)

Asia  
regional  
meeting

SiRIKT Teachers  
Annual Conference  
(MIZS Ministry)

Opening  
Up Balkans  
(MIZS,  
OUS)

Africa  
regional  
meeting

2nd OER  
World congress















































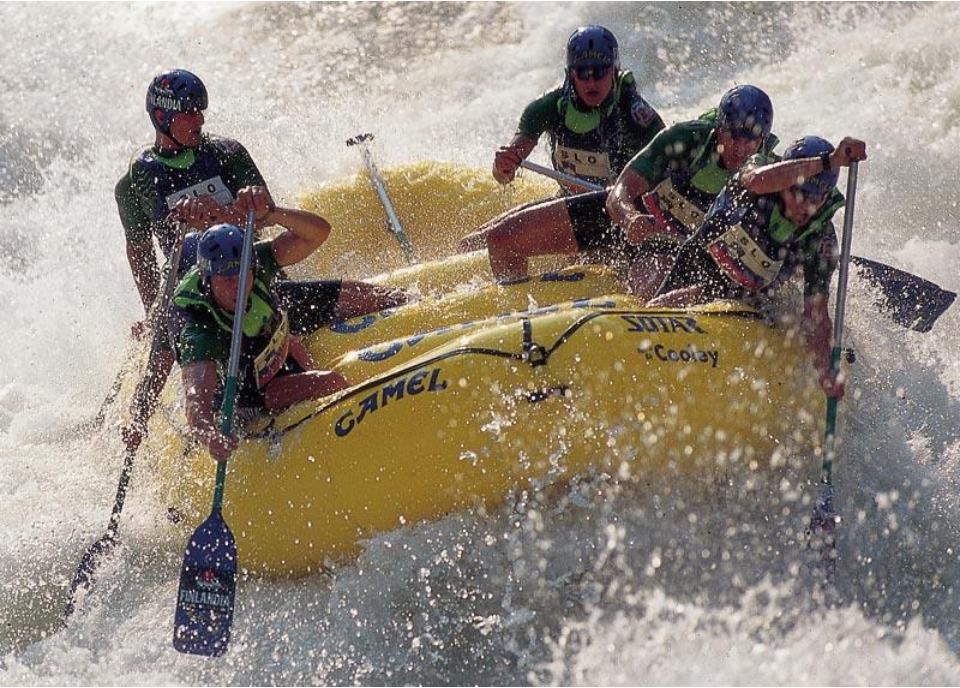






## A Toast

The vintage, friends, is over,  
And here sweet wine makes,  
once again,  
Sad eyes and hearts recover  
Puts fire into every vein...







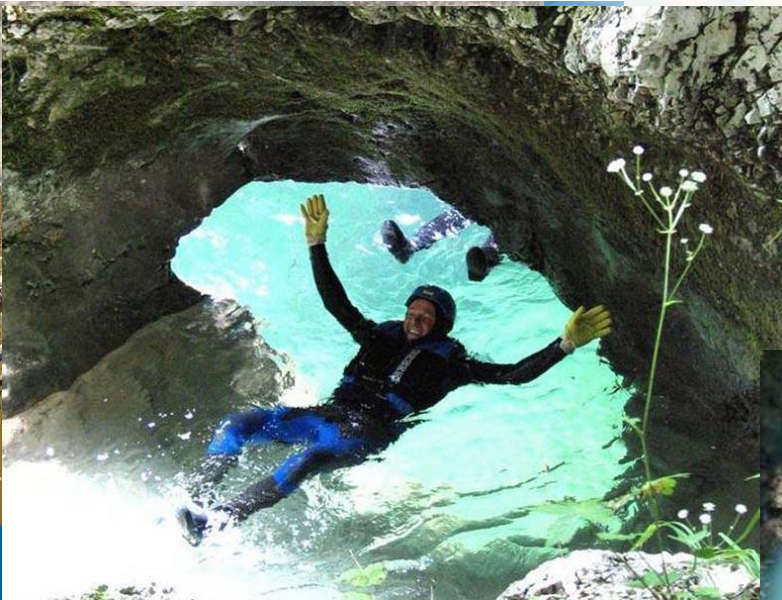


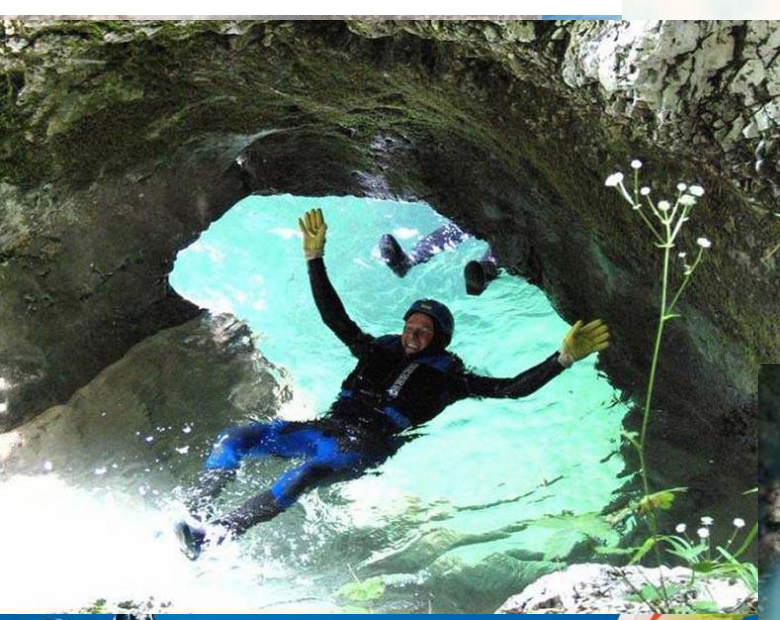












# Links, Tech Assets and Software stack applicable to OER

## Initiatives:

- <http://www.ouslovenia.net>

## Institutions, laboratories involved in the network:

- <http://k4all.org> (1000+ researchers in Artificial Intelligence, 60+ members)
- <http://ijs.si>
- <http://ct3.ijs.si>
- <http://ailab.ijs.si>
- <http://sensorlab.ijs.si>

## Products:

- <http://videlectures.net> (1014 events, 14156 authors, 19041 lectures, 22097 videos)
- <http://opencast.org/matterhorn>
- <http://scienceatlas.si>
- <http://qminer.ijs.si>

## Software and applications:

- <http://eventregistry.org>
- <http://enrycher.ijs.si>
- <http://newsfeed.ijs.si>
- <http://www.cyc.com>
- <http://www.cyc.com>
- iDiveriNews on App Store
- Curious Cat on GooglePlay

# Opening up Slovenia Members and Advisory Board – all have an active role

Civil Society, IGOs, NGOs, Government:

- **Knowledge 4 All Foundation Ltd.**
- **Ministry of Education, Science and Sport**
- **Chamber of Commerce and Industry**
- **National Commission for UNESCO**
- **Intellectual Property Institute**

Industry and major Slovenian companies:

- **Slovenian Post Office**
- **Topolšica Hospital**
- **Lek d.d.**
- **Kolektor Group**
- **Gorenje d.d.**

Research and HEI:

- **Jožef Stefan Institute**
- **University of Maribor**
- **University of Primorska**
- **University of Ljubljana**
- **University of Nova Gorica**

Advisory Board:

- **Mary McAleese, Chair of the EU High Level Group on the Modernisation of HEI**
- **Fred Mulder, UNESCO Chair in OER**
- **Alek Tarkowski, Creative Commons**
- **Mariana Patru, UNESCO**
- **Cecilia D'Oliveira, OpenCourseWare MIT**
- **Dominic Orr, researcher & policy analyst**
- **Andreia Inamorato Dos Santos, policy research**

Schools and Representatives:

- **Savsko Naselje primary school**
- **Trnovo kindergarten**
- **School centre Kranj**
- **Elected representative of the primary school headmasters of Slovenia**
- **Elected representative of the high school headmasters of Slovenia**
- **Elected representative of the kindergarten headmasters of Slovenia**
- **Representative of public health institutions**
- **Representative of the public administration workers**
- **Student society representative**
- **Representative of the visually impaired people organisation**

# 2nd World OER Congress

## Stay in touch



2nd World OER Congress Website:  
[\*\*Latest News and Updates\*\*](#)

OpeningupSlovenia Website:  
[\*\*Projects, Policy, Strategy\*\*](#)



VideoLectures.Net:  
[\*\*Conferences and Workshop series\*\*](#)

UNESCO Chair on Open Technologies for  
OER and Open Learning Website:  
[\*\*Capacity Building, Global  
penetration\*\*](#)



Facebook:  
[\*\*OpeningupSlovenia Daily Updates\*\*](#)



Twitter:  
[\*\*@OpenupSLO, @OERcongress\*\*](#)